

Sheep and Wool

Utah sheep and lamb inventory on January 1, 2000 totaled 400,000 head, the same as 1999. Inventory of breeding sheep and lambs at the beginning of 2000 was 360,000 head, the same as 1999. Ewes one year old and older totaled 310,000 head, up 5,000 head from a year earlier. Rams over one year of age totaled 11,000 head, up 1,000 head from January 1, 1999. Breeding replacement lambs, at 39,000 head, was 6,000 head less than the 1999 inventory. Market sheep and lambs for slaughter totaled 40,000 head. The 1999 lamb crop was estimated at 330,000 head, 20,000 head less than the previous year.

Sheep and lamb operations totaled 1,500 in 1999, the same as 1998. January 1, 2000 sheep and lamb inventory had an average value per head of \$99.00, down \$1.00 from the 1999 level. Utah's sheep inventory value totaled \$39.6 million, fractionally lower than January 1, 1999.

Cash receipts during 1999 totaled \$18.4 million, 5.1 percent lower than the 1998 level. Marketings of sheep and lambs totaled 27.4 million pounds, down 18 percent

from the previous year. The average 1999 sheep price was \$24.70 per hundredweight (cwt), \$2.30 below the 1998 average. Lambs averaged \$73.80 per cwt during 1999 which was \$6.00 above the previous year.

Wool production totaled 3.0 million pounds during 1999, down 4.7 percent from the 1998 production level. Average fleece weight was 9.4 pounds, the same as the 1998 level.

NOTE: Sheep and lamb classifications for the inventory estimates were changed starting January 1, 1995. "Breeding sheep and lambs" replaced the old "stock sheep and lambs" estimates. Replacement lambs now include both ewe and ram lambs. "Market sheep and lambs" has replaced the old "sheep and lambs on feed" estimates. Market lamb estimates are by weight group. Both "breeding sheep and lambs" and "market sheep and lambs" include new crop lambs. New crop lambs are lambs born after September 30 the previous year on hand January 1. Prior to 1995, January estimates excluded the new crop lambs.

Sheep and Lambs: Farms, Inventory, and Value, Utah, January 1, 1993-2000

Year	Operations With Sheep	All Sheep and Lambs on Farms January 1				
		Number ^{1/}	Value		Total Breeding ^{2/}	Total Market ^{3/}
			Per Head	Total		
	Number	1,000 Head	Dollars	1,000 Dollars 1,000	
1993	2,100	490	81.00	39,690	450	40
1994	2,000	480	77.00	36,960	445	35
1995	2,000	470	84.00	39,480	400	70
1996	1,900	460	100.00	46,000	400	60
1997	1,700	440	110.00	48,400	395	45
1998	1,500	420	120.00	50,400	380	40
1999	1,500	400	100.00	40,000	360	40
2000	^{4/}	400	99.00	39,600	360	40

^{1/} All sheep beginning January 1, 1995 includes new crop lambs. Previous published data did not. New crop lambs are lambs born after September 30 the previous year on hand January 1. ^{2/} Breeding sheep and lambs beginning January 1, 1995. ^{3/} Market sheep and lambs beginning January 1, 1995. ^{4/} Estimate published with January 1, 2001 sheep inventory.